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- 1. SUMMARY. ITPC RELS BELIEVE USG IS PLANNING COMPLETING OFFER TO \$26 MILLION ITPC RADAR DEAL PENDING WITH GOP. ITPC PLANS TO FIGHT THIS IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.
- 2. ITPC VICE PRESIDENT REICHENBACH AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE CARDIFF CALLED ON DCM JANUARY 18 TO REPORT ON MEETING THEY HAD JANUARY 13 WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE. ACCORDING TO REICHENBACH AND CARDIFF, ENRILE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS ABOUT PENDING \$26 MILLION ITPC DEAL FOR RADAR POSTS.

A. THE DEAL IS BEING HELD UP BY MARCOS BECAUSE SOMETIME AGO ADM. WEISNER TOLD MRS. MARCOS THAT USG COULD PROVIDE GOP RADAR IT NEEDS WITHIN SIX MONTHS CONFIDENTIAL

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FROM TIME REQUESTED.

B. ENRILE TOLD MARCOS THATTHIS WAS UNREALISTIC AND ITPC COMMERCIAL DEAL SHOULD GO FORWARD BECAUSE THE AFP NEEDS THE RADAR NOW.

C. MARCOS SAID TO WAIT FOR USG OFFER IN CONNECTION WITH BASE DISCUSSIONS. IN THIS REGARD, ENRILE OBSERVED THAT A US TECHNICAL TEAM WOULD COME TO MANILA LATER

THIS MONTH TO MAKE AN OFFER ON RADAR.

3. REICHENBACH IS FLYING TO WASHINGTON JANUARY 19 TO MEET WITH REPS OF US COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE ITPC RADAR DEAL (ITT, CUTLER-HAMMER AND GLENKIRK-ELECTRIC) WITH A VIEW TO PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE USG NOT TO COMPETE WITH THE ITPC OFFER. REICHENBACH NOTED THAT IF THE USG IS TO COMPETE IT SHOULD NOT MAKE UNREALISTIC ASSERTIONS AS TO WHAT IT CAN DO; FOR EXAMPLE PROVIDE SATISFACTORY RADARS IN SIX MONTHS. REICHENBACK SAID HE INTENDED TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH ASST. SEC. HOLBROOKE.

4. COMMENT: DCM HEARD OUT ITPC REPRESENTATIVES
AND PROMISED TO REGISTER THEIR CONCERNS. HE DISCLAIMED
KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED USG RADAR OFFER AND DID NOT
CONFIRM ASSERTAIONS ABOUT BASE DISCUSSIONS, SURVEY TEAM,
ETC.
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